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Unity and Action

First let it be made clear that no attempt will here be made to give an exhaustive report of the Biennial Meeting of the Canadian Nurses Association, which was recently held in Halifax. That must be left for the September issue of the *Journal* which will contain full details concerning official actions and recommendations as well as the full text of many of the reports and the various addresses. Under the shadow of an inexorable and rapidly approaching "deadline" all we can do is to try to recapture something of the quite extraordinary spirit of enthusiasm and good will which animated every session. Clear thinking led to the frank and courageous expression of opinions which, differing sharply in the method of approach, nevertheless demonstrated the fundamental unity of purpose upon which the Canadian Nurses Association is now firmly established.

There was certainly not any lack of controversial issues and a glance at the official programme will indicate the diversity of the interests and the wide scope of the activities of the Association. Foremost among these was the proposed plan for Dominion Registration of Nurses which, while it was not accepted, showed during the process of debate, that its principles are still valid, and that this initial defeat is really a first step toward ultimate realization when the time is ripe. The report of the Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee of the Canadian Nurses Association gave rise to a lively discussion and, after light had been shed on some of its implications, hearty and unanimous support was pledged to the enterprise.

The session devoted to a symposium concerning the application of the Proposed Curriculum for Schools of Nursing in Canada proved to be extremely stimulating. The progress report, presented by the chairman of the National Curriculum Committee, Miss Marion Lindeburgh, was in itself conclusive evidence that the Curriculum has already become a dynamic force in

nursing education in Canada. The spiritual significance underlying its philosophy was touched upon by Miss E. Kathleen Russell with such quiet dignity and profound understanding that everyone who heard her was deeply moved. The administrative aspects of the question were discussed by the most eminent authority in Canada. Yes, you are right in supposing that she is, of course, Miss Jean I. Gunn. The topic of classroom and clinical experience was most ably handled by Miss Anne S. Cavers and, if there was any lingering doubt that public health is now an integral part of nursing education, Miss Esther Lewis proceeded to dispel it in no uncertain fashion.

To be able to hold the close attention of a large audience at the end of a crowded session is no small achievement,

Ruby M. Simpson, O. B. E.

and yet that is just what Miss Russell did when she told the Story of a Very Young School. The greatest tribute which can be paid to the Curriculum is to say that its more revolutionary recommendations are already being carried out effectively in terms of action. If proof be needed, the Very Young School stands ready to provide it.

We can remember a time when long and dull reports, submitted by the nine provincial units of the Canadian Nurses Association were given decent burial by being "taken as read". At this Biennial Meeting each of the Provinces answered the roll call with a brief but convincing summary of tangible accomplishments. Each of these reports reflected not only the general trend of progress but was also subtly characteristic of the Province from which it came. It was good to listen while British Columbia talked to Quebec, and Manitoba to Ontario.

Old stagers who have attended many Biennial Meetings noted one very significant trend. (We hate the word, but there it is!) This time there was not the sense of unreality which sometimes pervades our deliberations. It is significant that special emphasis was laid by our leaders in education upon the shortening of the working day of the student nurse rather than upon the techniques of curriculum building. The importance of adhering to sound business principles in the management of the *Journal* was frankly admitted. One of the best attended sessions was that devoted to a consideration of economic security for nurses. Clear and informative expositions of many aspects of the problem were given by experts in the insurance field and Miss Kathleen W. Ellis and Miss Jean S. Wilson applied these underlying principles to the nursing situation. Discussion was animated and was admirably summed up by Miss

Mary S. Mathewson. In thus recognizing physical and economic values, we are advancing our professional and educational interests in a sane and practical manner.

Throughout the whole week, there was a distinct sense of dramatic values. The banquet on the first night began with the skirl of the bagpipes. Down the grand staircase the pipers came with kilts flying, and after them trooped the guests. Very grand they looked, too. The members of the Canadian Nurses Association know how to dress. Upon this occasion the welcome of the Province of Nova Scotia was graciously extended by its Premier, the Honorable Angus L. Macdonald, and the Mayor of Halifax, Mr. Walter Mitchell, greeted the Association on behalf of the city. The speaker of the evening was the Reverend M. M. Coady, Ph. D., director of the Extension Department of St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish. His topic was "Educating the Masses" and, in the course of an eloquent address, he conveyed to his audience much of the educational philosophy and the burning faith which are the driving forces behind the far-reaching social experiment which is now being carried on over a whole countryside.

The Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Nova Scotia and Mrs. Irwin graciously received the President and the members of the Executive Committee of the Association at a tea held at Government House. Later in the week the Government of the Province of Nova Scotia entertained all delegates at the Nova Scotia Hospital, in Dartmouth.

The high point of the whole Meeting was reached on the last evening which was marked by the ceremonial in connection with the award of the Mary Agnes Snively Medals to Jean E. Browne, Elizabeth L. Smellie, C.B.E., R.R.C., and Jean S. Wilson. Heralded by organ music, the procession took its place upon the platform. The Canadian Nurses Association had, upon this occasion, the signal honour of having as its guest the President of the International Council of Nurses, Miss Effie J. Taylor, Dean of the School of Nursing of Yale University. Her address, "Nursing, a Profession and a Service", had a nobility and sincerity which are characteristic of the woman herself. It was prefaced by a moving reference to her affection for the land of her birth.

Effie J. Taylor

As might have been expected, Dr. H. B. Atlee, of Halifax, swept the audience off its feet. Deliberately and audaciously provocative, he riddled all our cherished educational traditions with his barbed wit. Yet in the same breath, he gave us a vision of what we might become if only we had the courage to direct our

Dr. H. B. Atlee

own destiny. We shudder to think what might happen to Dr. Atlee if he spoke thus at a joint meeting of the Canadian Hospital Council and the Canadian Medical Association. And yet we cherish a stubborn conviction that some day he will do so—and that they will listen to him because they won't be able to help it.

Before making the Award of the Snively Medals, the president of the Canadian Nurses Association delivered an Oration on the life and work of Mary Agnes Snively, the full text of which appears in this issue of the *Journal*. Each of the recipients acknowledged the honour conferred upon them in a few well chosen words. At this point we cannot refrain from a personal comment. We darkly suspect that Miss Simpson, Miss Fairley, Miss Haliburton, the recipients of the medals, and even Miss Taylor herself entered into collusion with respect to their choice of evening gowns. Seldom have we seen a more harmonious blending of lovely colours.

As soon as the ceremony was over, the audience streamed out into the reception rooms where they were the guests of the Halifax Chapter of the Registered Nurses Association of Nova Scotia and the Alumnae Associations of the Schools of Nursing in Halifax. An aisle was formed through which there came three Highland Dancers and their Piper. With the kind permission of the Antigonish Highland Society, the oldest Scottish Association in Canada, these very young people had come to grace the festivities. How was it made possible for them to come so far? Because the Antigonish branch of the Registered Nurses Association of Nova Scotia put its shoulder to the wheel in the common cause and this is how the dancers were introduced to the audience by Miss Rachel Chisholm, a member of the Branch:

> Tonight we bring from New Scotland the dances of Old Scotland, piped by a Mac Leod from Skye, and danced by the Mac Donalds of Clan Ranald, and a MacGillivray of the Scottish Clan of that name.

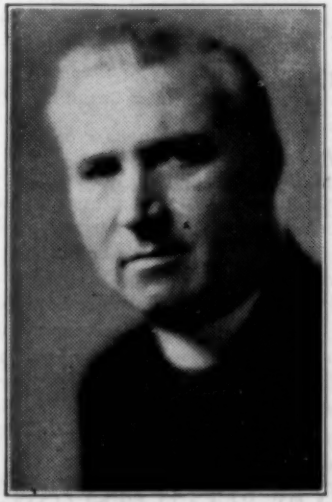
Then the twinkling feet swept into the rhythm of the Sword Dance and the Highland Fling, blown lustily upon the pipes by a MacLeod from Skye.

In looking back upon this Biennial Meeting we might do well to examine the principal factors which made for its amazing success. To one participant it seemed that there were four. There was the deep conviction of the importance of spiritual values; there was clear and fearless thinking, as evidenced by the quality of the debates; there was superb leadership given by the presiding officer, Ruby M. Simpson. Last but not least, there was the subtle influence of environment—the *genius loci*, the spirit of the place.

Throughout this article, reference has repeatedly been made to the first two factors and we turn now to that of leadership. It has been said that a conductor like Toscanini not only makes the members of his orchestra play better than they thought they could play, but that he brings to the music itself a melody and fire that neither composer nor musicians knew were there. The leadership, given in her presidential capacity, by Ruby M. Simpson, was in this category. Such mastery is not achieved by chance but springs from patient study and hard thinking. In this issue will be found the text of Miss Simpson's presidential address, entitled "Thirty years of growth". When the history of those eventful years in the life of the Canadian Nurses Association comes to be recorded, the pages 1934 to 1938 will make good reading. Miss Simpson herself has written them.

There remains the Spirit of the Place. When we escaped from our "air-conditioned" car and felt the touch of the wet sea wind, we knew that it was good to be there—to quote Miss Kate Brighty's unforgettable phrase: "I *like* your mist and your rain." In the Province of Nova Scotia, as in the country at large, we were fortunate in the provincial presiding officer and official hostess, Marion Haliburton. She bears, with characteristic nonchalance, the name of one of the most distinguished families in Canada. True to its tradition she played her part with dignity and with humour. Throughout a trying week she never appeared either flustered or unduly elated. We never heard her raise her voice. The last glimpse we had of her was on the steps of her home. The Biennial Meeting had come, and it had gone. Nova Scotia (and the Haliburtons) were still there—cool, quiet, but with a quality all their own which is the spirit of the place.

Marion Haliburton



Rev. M. M. Coady

Late on Sunday evening, when everything was all over, we looked out from our high window over the Harbour. A ship in port had been flying the "Blue Peter" as a sign that she was ready to sail. Even while we watched, the flag fluttered gently down and she made for the open sea. E.J.

During the first week of June, the School of Nursing of the Winnipeg General Hospital celebrated its Golden Jubilee. Graduates from far and near met to renew old friendships and to plan ways and means whereby they might help their School to maintain and strengthen its honorable tradition. Receptions, dinners, luncheons, teas, filled a gay and crowded week. A moving and beautiful pageant, staged under the able direction of Mrs. Rex Waldie, crowded one of Winnipeg's largest theatres to the doors. A mass meeting of the Alumnae Association was held at which its first president Miss Ethel Gilroy addressed the members. Two members of the first graduating class, Miss E. Birtles, O.B.E., and Mrs. Mould, took a lively part in all the various functions. Two graduates of the School, Mrs. A. W. Moody and Miss Mabel F. Gray, both of whom have rendered distinguished service to the W.G.H. in the capacity of superintendent of nurses, were warmly greeted by their former pupils. The President of the Canadian Nurses Association, Miss Ruby Simpson, O.B.E., gave a most inspiring address to the seventy members of the class of 1938 at the graduating exercises which closed the celebrations. Mr. H. E. Sellers, chairman of the Board of Directors, who presided at this function displayed an excellent understanding of the aims and value of the School. The Winnipeg General Hospital kept open house throughout the week and by means of its generous hospitality made everyone feel they had really come home. The general superintendent, Dr. G. F. Stephens, and the superintendent of nurses, Miss Catherine M. Lynch, left nothing undone which would add to the happiness of their many guests.

The president of the Alumnae Association, Mrs. J. W. Briggs, deserves the highest praise for planning and successfully carrying out a project which involved so much time and effort. She was ably seconded by the convener of the special Jubilee Committee, Miss Pearl Brownell, and by the following members of the Association: Mrs. J. F. Morrison, Miss R. Dickie, Miss E. Parker, Miss C. Lethbridge, Mrs. J. A. Davidson, Mrs. W. G Beaton, Miss M. R. McClung, Miss T. Wiggins, Miss C. Lynch, Miss G. Hall, Miss E. Wilson, Miss E. Gilroy, Miss Lillian Warner.

A SHORT TALE

I would I were beneath a tree
A-sleeping in the shade;
With all the bills I've got to pay,
Paid!

I would I were on yonder hill
A-baking in the sun;
With all the work I've got to do,
Done!

Thirty Years of Growth

RUBY M. SIMPSON, O.B.E.
President, The Canadian Nurses Association, 1934-1938

In this year of 1938 the Canadian Nurses Association arrives at its thirtieth birthday. It may be that there is a significance in this event which we should be well advised to contemplate. This anniversary looms large with importance in the mind of the individual, indicating as it does a settling in to the more mature years of life for which real youth has been a preparation. Such an age is neither young nor old, but that most satisfactory period when selective powers make possible the maximum of effort with the minimum show of strain but with the peak of results in both the quantity and quality of accomplishment. The life of an Association follows pretty much the same line as that of an individual. After the strenuous years of endeavour which have marked the organization period, there comes the time when the relatively level plateau of early maturity is reached, a time which psychologists suggest should bring almost undreamt of achievement if foundations have been solidly laid in the early years. It is essential, therefore, that we should examine and evaluate the past if we would know what the future may have in store.

In relating the life-story of a country, modern historians do not deal with dates and figures and isolated events. Rather they begin the record with the personal achievements of individuals. Then, the contribution made by the influence of the achievements of these individuals on other figures of their day. Finally, the cumulative effect of the pioneer efforts of all individuals, resulting in the grouping of co-ordinate and associate effort toward formal organization or government.

The history of nursing may be told in close parallel with the history of the country. The personal achievements of such women as Miss Snively, Miss Livingstone, Miss Stanley and the Superiors of the several religious orders, in their work in their own Schools, the influence of these achievements on those responsible for nursing care in that day and finally the bringing together of all groups so influenced to make an organization. Thus did our Association come into being. Its history forms an interesting story.

As we proceed to the review we are conscious that the task would be simpler if divisions of time might be so arranged as to fall into periods of equal length. Unfortunately this does not often occur and achievements can rarely be set into the biennium, quadrennium or even decade of our choice. True, there are time divisions but they fall as they will. They are not difficult to distinguish since certain intervals or progressions stand out prominently in each.

The actual grouping or welding of Canadian nurses into one unit was a slow process and many and complicated were the factors involved in it. To develop a national professional understanding and viewpoint among the members of a young and struggling profession was no small task. Out of the welter of differences of location, training, race and language, in Provincial, Alumnae and an assortment of other groups, each with its own particular problem and at a time when events were moving almost too rapidly to be followed, a united group must emerge. They were strenuous, the fifteen years which came after the

founding of the Canadian Nurses Association. Provinces were zealously striving for recognition; Registration Acts were passed. A diversity of subjects, relevant and irrelevant claimed attention: committees were set up. The educational needs of students and graduates pressed hard upon all: a Nursing Education Association was formed. Public health nursing grew apace, group needs were emphasized: Sections were formed. A means of communication became a necessity: an official Journal was acquired. A world war crashed everything before it and reconstruction at its close brought problems for the solution of which there was no precedent. Distances were great, funds were limited and close contacts between provinces were rare. But steadily and slowly the task went on toward one ultimate objective: to stand together for the greatest good to the greatest number. Qualities of determination, of patience, forbearance and statesmanship were required and they were found in abundance in the leaders of the day. Gradually these qualities were reflected in affiliated organizations and a unity of spirit became dimly discernible. The need for a common centre through which united expression might be possible grew more and more urgent. In 1923 a National Office was established. *The first interval was reached.*

This achievement did not in any way indicate a tendency toward cessation of effort. National understanding, fostered by the new Office and with that Office as a central point of contact, cleared the way for progress planned in the latter years of the first period. The next nine years were characterized by study and research, by a constant sifting to find realities common and important to all, with committees working seriously and persistently toward the clarification of professional ideals. Notable achievements followed. The Journal was centralized. The Association's name was simplified. The nurse education group voluntarily gave up its entity as a separate organization and became a part of the whole. Sections flourished. A splendid Memorial was erected in the National Hall of Fame to the memory of nurses great and brave in war. Names were listed for emergency service. Heavy international responsibilities were assumed. Dual membership was discontinued. Out of it all came a growing, pressing need, fostered by the now well developed unity of purpose—to know more of ourselves, to be certain that effort was being advantageously directed. Leaders were courageous and a bold step was taken. A Study under educational direction was authorized. The report of the Survey of Nursing Education in Canada was published in 1932. *The second interval was reached.*

Then followed a two-year pause for serious study of the Survey Report. Committees prepared thoughtfully for implementing the Survey recommendations. The preparation of a national Curriculum for Schools of Nursing was begun. Participation in world Councils deepened. Members were exchanged with other countries. Many important topics required general attention. The official Journal took on new and added significance as more and more an adequate means of communication between affiliated units became a need. Skilled direction was required. A full time Editor and Business Manager was appointed *The third interval was reached.* The period closed with the celebration of the Silver Jubilee, a demonstration of the national understanding and sympathy which had grown with the years.

Next a four-year effort to produce action from the results of the serious study of the preceding period. Work on the Curriculum continued with all

groups participating. The editor's appointment was made permanent. A Plan for Dominion Registration of Nurses was studied. Registries were developed and their functions elaborated to strengthen community responsibility. Section emphasis was lessened and the preparation of the nurse stood out as of paramount importance to all. The Proposed Curriculum was presented and accepted for experimental use over a stated period. *The fourth interval was reached.*

Then active plans for more adequate nursing service to the community, a departure from the professional concentration of earlier years. Working in conjunction with a national visiting nursing organization, community responsibility was accepted, financial assistance provided and a Community Nursing Service Bureau authorized. *The fifth interval was reached* and with it the thirtieth anniversary of organization.

Concentrated effort toward professional centralization, self-criticism and appraisal, an official means of communication, a definite educational programme, a co-operative plan for community service—these are the trends seen through the years which mark the intervals of varying length in our struggle up the long, steep hill we have climbed. Given the inspiration, the devotion and the courage of the past their influence on the future is clear.

Already we are in the throes of plans and projects which when carried to completion must lead to the achievements which we are justified in anticipating as we travel this level plateau of early maturity which has now been reached. You will hear full detail of such projects in the various Committee reports and in the discussions to follow. There are certain points, however, which are of such importance that particular comment is warranted at this juncture. The first of these is *The Canadian Nurse.*

Our official Journal was a direct response to a felt need. Unity of purpose, unity of understanding, unity of effort are impossible without an easily available means of communication. The newspaper revolutionized the world. Modern life provides no more adequate instrument for exchange of thought than a publication which appears at regular stated intervals. *The Canadian Nurse* has been a real power in the Association's progress and it has itself, shown consistent improvement. Not only has the *Journal* paid its own way during the past two years but its content has improved to the extent that its value to each member of the profession has been greatly enhanced. There are aspects of the situation, however, which must be of considerable concern to all of us. Only about 25 percent of our members were included in the 1937 circulation list. Active campaigns increase the list but "failures-to-renew" keep it always at a low level, a fact which is a constant source of discouragement. The editor cites in her report certain reasons which have been stated for non-renewal. Are they all *reasons* or are some of them *excuses?* She cites as well certain suggestions for overcoming the difficulty. The Association should give most careful thought to the whole of the report. It will merit close study and should lead to action. The *Journal* is our major responsibility, our one business venture. Is it possible that we have been dilatory in applying to it the methods of modern business? Should we increase our investment in order that the return should be greater in professional value? Has the time arrived when the *Journal* should be included with memberships? What is the safety level for circulation? These are questions which must be frankly faced if the

function of the *Journal*, now so well and so firmly established, is to be developed to the fullest extent of its possibilities.

Dominion Registration for Nurses

Too much cannot be said of the time and effort which the Committee in Dominion Registration for Nurses has put into its work in the past two years. This is especially true of the Convener, who has travelled extensively to address meetings and has carried on a voluminous correspondence in order that Provincial units might be thoroughly informed concerning the subject. We have now had four years for serious study of the Plan. There seems no good reason for further delay in decision which it is confidently expected will be made with no thought in mind but the ultimate advancement of the whole Canadian profession.

Florence Nightingale International Foundation

The assumption of international responsibilities began with the organization of our Association—in fact its organization was hastened in order that we might have a share in international affairs. That this responsibility has been accepted was quite apparent at the Congress in London in July of last year when the opinion of prominent Canadian nurses of experience was eagerly sought and unquestioningly accepted. The Florence Nightingale International Foundation is meeting a need in providing facilities for advanced education for nurses. Miss Jean Gunn of Canada is a Vice-President. The representatives of the International Council of Nurses on the Board of Management, as appointed in 1937, include nurse educators of international reputation, all in active work. It would appear, therefore, that continued improvement in the courses may be expected. The Canadian Nurses Association has to date met its committed obligations to the Foundation. At this meeting a decision must be made regarding future financial support as a pledge of continued international responsibility. The spirit of the members of the Foundation, in meeting in London, was that of eagerness to participate in the development of this memorial to Miss Nightingale and of optimism as to its future.

The Curriculum

The Proposed Curriculum for Schools of Nursing in Canada has been given two years of experimental use and is now returned for comment and criticism. The session at which it will be presented has been carefully planned and will be eagerly anticipated.

Nursing education has made real progress in the past two years and important announcements have been made from every province. Refresher courses and institutes have become the rule rather than the exception with the attendance in every case far beyond expectation. Saskatchewan has appointed a School of Nursing Advisor. Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Manitoba have carried out a survey of their Schools as a prelude to regular inspection. Alberta has continued its Inspection Committee with the Director of the University School as the nurse member. Manitoba University has recognized the need for advanced nursing education and has included a summer course for nurses in its 1938 plans. The University of Saskatchewan has announced a degree Course in Nursing, to begin with the autumn term of this year. The School for Graduate Nurses at McGill University has been continued under University control and has been renamed. In its 1938-39 Calendar it appears as The School of Nursing of McGill University. The University of British Co-

lumbia had added a field service organizer and supervisor to the staff of its Department of Nursing. The Registered Nurses Association of British Columbia reports a very satisfactory plan of affiliation with mental hospitals and also representation on a committee named by the Government to conduct a study in relation to nursing conditions in hospitals. The University of Toronto School of Nursing has continued after completion of its first five years and most interesting reports are available. In this carefully controlled experiment of a School of Nursing apart from a Hospital there may be the beginning of a new era. All such announcements are a source of keen gratification to all, but particularly to those who have been actively associated with the work of nursing education. The trend toward adequate preparation, seen from our very beginning, continues and is a tribute to the energetic and enthusiastic nurses who have promoted it.

Community Nursing Service Bureaux

Committees concerned with our newest project in Community Nursing Service Bureaux have been very active throughout the term as reports will indicate. Provincial and local Registries have been developed and improved service has resulted. The Montreal Nursing Bureau has done an excellent piece of pioneer work and much credit is due its fine Committee. The report, published after one year of organization, is a most interesting document and will provide valuable information for other centres attempting a similar experiment. The Manitoba Registry, too, has achieved wonders and now lists subsidiary workers as well as graduates and provides all types of service. Its committee has been fortunate in that they have shown a financial surplus at the end of their first year.

We had hoped that the Bureau in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, would be in actual operation before this time but it seemed wise to make haste slowly in order that there might be no doubt whatever as to the stability of the foundation on which it was built. That there will be many problems in connection with it, is quite well known but we are young enough yet to refuse to recognize problems as obstacles. That the Bureau should fulfil its function and lead to a better understanding between the nurse and the community, through the acceptance of preferred service, is the real concern. The sympathetic understanding and amity which have characterized the contact between the Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada and the Canadian Nurses Association in this co-operative effort have been gratifying, to say the least. A voluntary organization with many years of successful service to the public to its credit, it has been not only willing but eager to share in this new enterprise and to allow us to benefit from its wealth of experience.

New Interests

As will be noted, the programme for this General Meeting has been built around the major projects to which we are already committed or are likely to be in the near future. Already new and varied interests and responsibilities are crowding for attention. What of research in nursing? Should we have a place in the National Research Council under the Committee recently appointed for medical research work? What of our attitude to Schools of Nursing separate from Hospitals? There is no question as to our interest but what of our responsibility? If educational progress is to continue, the experimentation is essential. Would additional professional support add weight to its success? What of our National Office, the first of ur-

gently felt needs and the first important achievement? Is there further development which might increase its usefulness to the Provincial Associations? What of a Placement Service through National Office? Is it a need and could it be met? This is a matter which is engaging the earnest attention of Headquarters in the American Nurses Association. Already the question is being raised in Canada. Perhaps this is to be our next big venture.

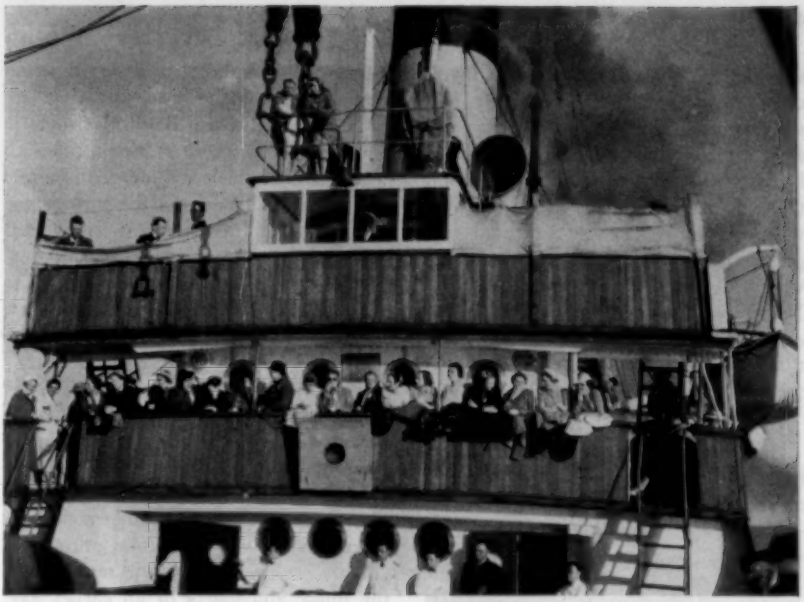
So as the years go on we may hope to see a continuance of the trends and influences which have marked our history: professional unity and understanding through centralization, the habit of self-criticism and appraisal; the development of our official *Journal* as a continued means of communication; a growing, changing educational programme; a willingness to make a real effort to improve our service to the community; a desire to stand with other countries in contributing to world progress in nursing. New interests, new emphasis, new obligations will continually arise to meet the need of the changing times but outcomes will differ only in degree and in expression. Our foundations are sound and will hold. We advance into maturity with aims and objectives clearly defined, a natural growth of the principles on which our Association was founded in that October of 1908, a direct result of the influence of the achievements of the devoted pioneer nurses of the day, under the inspired leadership of Mary Agnes Snively. Even as they kept the faith we in our generation shall, to the utmost of our ability, do the same.

Editor's Note

This article is the text of the Presidential Address delivered on July 5, 1938, before the Biennial Meeting of the Canadian Nurses Association in Halifax, N. S.

WHEEL OF FORTUNE

Considerable excitement prevailed at the Biennial Meeting of the C. N. A. when announcement was made of the winners of the prizes awarded by the Canada Starch Company. We regret to say that these awards were evidently not based on merit. If they had been we should have been among the favoured few. They just went, by blind luck, to these fortunate ladies: First prize: Miss E. K. Warner, Camp Hill Hospital, Halifax. Other winners were: Miss Blanche G. Herman, Montreal General Hospital (Western Division); Miss Maud L. Carter, V.O.N., Halifax; Miss Mathilda E. Fitzgerald, Toronto; Miss Marie Grant, Halifax; Miss Margaret Hoy, Windsor, Ont.; Miss Petronila Schurter, Mildmay, Ont. The fact that so many persons from "the Maritimes "were among the winners seems to us to be of sinister significance. No use telling us that Miss Blanche Herman belongs to Montreal. She is from "the Maritimes"—and proud of it. That makes *four of them.*



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The Blue Ocean Network

This graphic account of the tour of Halifax harbour was written by Edith McDowell, of Winnipeg, and Katherine MacLennan, of Montreal. The authors have quoted freely from the admirable script prepared by Claire Harris MacIntosh, of Halifax.—EDITOR.

To the stirring strains of "Rule Britannia" and the throbbing of engines, we went on board the Canadian Government steamship, *Lady Laurier* for one of the most thrilling events of our visit in Halifax—a tour of the famous Harbour. Although it was a glorious summer evening, for a few moments we were a little apprehensive as we experienced a dull feeling in the region of the frontal lobes and something quite indescribable that was referable to the region under the diaphragm—perhaps the solar plexus—but there was too much gaiety on board to even consider the possibility of not being seaworthy.

With the aid of an amplifier, an unseen guide who introduced himself as "Station C.N.A., broadcasting on choppy wave length, over the Blue Ocean Network", made sure that we missed none of the historic points of interest. We learned later that the script was the work of Claire Harris MacIntosh, a well known poet and author whose fame has gone far beyond the confines of the Maritimes. Incidentally, she is also the wife of the medical superintendent of the Victoria General Hospital, Dr. MacIntosh, who himself displayed such lively interest in our Biennial Meeting.

Sailing toward Bedford Basin, we

saw the star-shaped Citadel with its old clock tower, marking the hours both stormy and calm, as it has done ever since it was erected by the Duke of Kent in 1802. Surely no hours were more tense than those during the Great War when transport ships, in grotesque disguise, sought a hiding place in these calm waters. Then, as we passed through the Narrows, with the surrounding beauty of quiet hills, our guide reminded us that in 1917 this very spot had witnessed the dreadful tragedy of the Halifax explosion.

In this swiftly moving scene of sunlight and white sails—here and there a sea gull flashing its wings in the sun —the *Prince David* lay moored close to the farther shore, a deserted vessel that once knew the open sea.

Aberdeen Hospital Choral Group

Now into Bedford Basin, five miles in length and more than three miles in width, from which a hundred thousand American soldiers sailed during the Great War. The "fleets of iron" have slipped into the past and nothing of them remains as a reminder of those anxious days yet the Basin has known its days of gaiety, too. A time there was when the Duke of Kent, later the father of Queen Victoria, had a lovely residence on the north shore of the Basin. The wooded park for miles around shaded many pathways designed by him after the letters of the alphabet. The little band-stand which he erected still holds its position on a knoll close to the shore as a mute reminder of the music and gaiety of an earlier day.

We were thus lost in musings and it seemed that fancy was playing us one of her little tricks when the strains of "O Canada" floated across the water. But no, grouped around a piano in the well-deck stood the Choral Group of students nurses from the Aberdeen Hospital, New Glasgow, their spotless uniforms and scarlet-lined capes making a unique contrast to the gay summer dresses of our party. They had come especially to add their vocal talent to our cup of pleasure—sea chanties, French folk songs, and hymns. Never shall we forget "Steal Away" as the clear young voices rose and fell on the breeze. The superintendent of the Aberdeen Hospital, Miss Marion Boa, did not disclose just how she had arranged to relieve these nurses from duty, but we were told that she is such an able administrator that she just takes these things in her stride.

As we enjoyed a delightful supper, we moved out of the Basin and around the North West Arm. The throb of the engines had ceased and we drifted

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gently in a calm bay. Gaily coloured canoes glided silently past us with only the dip of their paddles breaking the silence, then, the purr of the engines once more and the *Lady Laurier* turned homeward while the fir trees on the farther shore seemed to creep closer as though to bid us a whispered goodbye. "Station C.N.A., of the Blue Ocean Network" was almost ready to sign off.

Its final words were the lines written by Rudyard Kipling in honour of Halifax:

Into the mist my guardian prows put forth,

Behind the mist my virgin ramparts lie,

The warden of the Honour of the North,

Sleepless and veiled am I.

CHURCH BELLS

In connection with the Biennial Meeting of the Canadian Nurses Association, special services were arranged by two of the churches in Halifax. On Sunday evening, prior to the meeting, a large congregation gathered in St. Paul's Church where they were welcomed by the Rector, the Ven. T. W. Savary, D.D., Archdeacon of Nova Scotia. An eloquent sermon was delivered by the Rev. A. Stanley Walker, M.A., President of the University of King's College. The Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia and Mrs. Irwin were present. St. Paul's Church is the Mother Church not only of the Diocese but of the Church of England in Canada. It is also the only Church of Royal Foundation in Canada having been founded in 1749 by King George the Second.

The choir cassocks of Royal Red still denote its royal origin. The very fabric of this church is steeped in history and, as the familiar liturgy of Evensong proceeded, there came about us a cloud of invisible witnesses from the glorious past of our Dominion.

At St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral a Convocation was held, presided over by the Most Reverend John T. McNally, D.D., Archbishop of Halifax. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. W. J. Burns. The congregation joined in singing "Hail, Queen of Heaven" the last verse being composed for the occasion by the Directress of the Guild of St. Elizabeth, Sister Marie de Chantel. The programmes were attractively designed in two shades of blue, and were the gift of the Guild to the visiting nurses as a souvenir of the occasion.

HONOURABLE MENTION

The Choral Group Again
Courtesy of The Canada Starch Company.

Behind every successful convention there is a driving force which derives its strength from the place of meeting. This is usually embodied in a Committee on Arrangements, composed of people whose job it is to work hard, to keep themselves in the background and, not infrequently, to let someone else take most of the credit for any success which may attend their efforts. In Halifax there was, of course, such a Committee and it was a good one. The chairman was Miss Marion Haliburton, assisted by the following conveners, aided by the members of their respective sub-committees:

Sister Anna Seton and Sister Camillus, of the Halifax Infirmary, made all arrangements for the Religious Sisters attending the meeting.

Miss Muriel Graham, the extremely efficient registrar of the R. N. A. N. S., was responsible for the registration desk. Without confusion or delay, about 570 nurses were registered, badged, given tickets for all sorts of delightful social affairs, and sent on their way rejoicing.

Miss Marjorie Trefry saw to it that fresh flowers graced the rooms of the visitors, a delicate attention which was much appreciated.

Mrs. D. J. Gillis presided over the information booth. Further reference will be

made elsewhere to the courtesy and patience with which this committee discharged its functions.

Miss Lenta Hall directed the organization of the banquet. Not only was this a feast of reason and a flow of soul—it was also an extremely good meal. No dubious cold storage turkey, but a real filet mignon, perfectly cooked. The table decorations were typically nautical and appropriate.

Miss K. Macdonell and her valiant band of helpers, in addition to staging continuous performances of "Live Wires" (presented by District 5, R. N. A. O.), simultaneously, kept one eye on the Canadian Nurse exhibit, and the other on the subscription desk. More about this fine teamwork later.

Miss Catherine Graham knows Halifax like a book, and did grand work on the housing committee:

Mrs. C. W. Bennett planned all transportation, and made arrangements in connection with the Special Service at St. Paul's Church.

Miss Laura Hubley, R. R. C., president of the Overseas Nursing Sisters Association, directed the luncheon and business meeting of that Association and Miss S. MacIsaac, president of the Nova Scotia branch of the Overseas Nursing Sisters Association, took charge of the delightful tea given at the Ashburn Golf Club.

Miss Edith Fenton carried out the onerous duties of convener of entertainment with her customary energy and effieiency. The result was that all the guests had a thoroughly good time. Miss Fenton also received, personally, with the Rev. A. Stanley Walker and Mrs. Walker at a delightfully informal gathering held after the Sunday evening service.

Miss Ellen Reid made it possible for all the Alumnae Associations to foregather. Ours went to the Waegwoltic Club—one of the most beautiful views we have ever seen —the Club we mean, not our Alumnae Association.

Miss K. Jamer convened the publicity committee and, on behalf of the *Journal*, we had the pleasure of publicly expressing our gratitude for lively and interesting material, promptly forwarded.

The rail of the "Lady Laurier"
Courtesy of The Canada Starch Company.

Miss S. Archard was responsible for the efficient direction of the reception tendered by the Halifax Chapter of the R. N. A. N. S. and the Alumnae Association of the Schools of Nursing in Halifax. This was a very gay and enjoyable affair.

Miss A. Brennan directed the voyage of the *Lady Laurier*, assisted, of course, by the Captain and the crew of the vessel. A lyrical appreciation of this event appears elsewhere in this issue.

Miss M. Saxton made arrangements in connection with the delightful tea sponsored by the St. Elizabeth Guild. This was to have been held in the beautiful grounds of the residence of Archbishop McNally but unfortunately a little rain did fall during the week of the meeting and the event had to be transferred to the Nova Scotian Hotel.

Miss Anne Foster, of Berwick, made arrangements for the professional exhibits. These included dolls dressed to represent the uniforms of every school of nursing in the Province. A minor crisis arose when difficulty was experienced in finding a mas-

culine doll to represent the male nurses who are in training at the Victoria General Hospital. An effigy of "Charlie McCarthy" was apparently the only alternative until someone fortunately discovered a spruce young man who quite held his ground with his professional sisters. Excellent exhibits were also staged by the Provincial branch of the Junior Red Cross and the Provincial Health Department. The fine exhibit showing the development of registries, which was prepared by Miss Madalene Baker, of London, and shown at the Kingston meeting of the R. N. A. O., elicited great interest.

APPOINTMENTS

Miss Mary F. Bliss

Miss Mary F. Bliss has recently been appointed superintendent of the Galt Hospital, Galt, Ontario. Prior to taking up her duties, Miss Bliss served successively as superintendent in the Guelph General Hospital and the Chambers Memorial Hospital, Smiths Falls. A graduate of the School of Nursing of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, Miss Bliss also holds the certificate in administration conferred by the McGill University School of Nursing. During the war Miss Bliss served overseas with Number Three, Canadian General Hospital, was awarded the A. R. R. C. and mentioned in despatches. Miss Bliss is much interested in nursing organizations and served recently as chairman of District 7, R. N. A. O.

Mary F. Bliss

Miss A. E. Richardson

Miss A. Elizabeth Richardson has recently been appointed lady superintendent of the Blanchard-Fraser Memorial Hospital, Kentville, N. S. Previous to this appointment, Miss Richardson rendered outstanding service as superintendent of the Shawinigan Falls Hospital, Shawinigan, P. Q. She is much interested in staff education and the Hospital of which she will now take charge is to be congratulated on selecting such an able administrator to guide its destinies.

Mary Agnes Snively

An address, delivered by the President of the Canadian Nurses Association, Miss Ruby M. Simpson, O. B. E., at the Ceremony which marked the presentation of the Snively Medal Awards at the Biennial Meeting of the Canadian Nurses Association, July 8, 1938.

It is with justly conscious pride that we, the nurses of Canada, publicly present this ceremony as a tribute of honour and homage to a great Canadian woman, the Founder of our national organization, Miss Snively. It is offered with the desire that her name may be perpetuated and the memory of her life and work ever remain as a pattern and an inspiration for those of the profession which she so loved and to which she gave abundantly and untiringly of the splendid talents with which she had been endowed.

Born of Scotch, Irish and Swiss stock Mary Agnes Snively spent her young life in a pioneer settlement of south-eastern Ontario. While she probably endured many of the privations which were the common lot in a new country during the last half of the nineteenth century, she was, nevertheless, most gently reared and the deeply religious atmosphere which pervaded her home remained as a strong influence throughout her entire life. Although educational facilities were neither easily available nor particularly attractive she completed a Secondary School course and became a teacher. In this work which was continued for some time, she found interest and satisfaction and according to an inspector's report "she exerted a fine moral influence over the children with whom she worked".

Why, then, did she abandon the teaching profession for that much less accepted one — nursing? There is no record that she had ever felt a particular call to it as a vocation nor did it make any general appeal to the young women of the day. The answer is probably found in the fact that her two young American friends, Louise Darche and Isabel Hampton, also teachers, were anxious to venture in this new field and exerted their influence to persuade Miss Snively to join them. It is a coincidence, indeed, that all three achieved such distinction in it that their names are written in the annals of its history.

Schools of Nursing, or Training Schools as they were advisedly called, were just beginning to struggle into existence. Bellevue Hospital, in New York City, was the pioneer School on this continent, owing its beginning to a small group of devoted women who were deeply stirred by the work of Miss Nightingale and the founding of the School at Saint Thomas's Hospital, London, and much impressed with the idea that gentle-women might be taught to care for the sick. In 1882 in the ninth year of its history, Miss Snively, then thirty-five years of age, entered the School as a student. What a School! There was little in it to attract a young woman of her type. We read in the records: "When the School was begun it entered upon a perpetual battle with dirt, poor food and unsanitary conditions of every kind. Hours of duty for nurses were from 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and if the need arose, the nurse watched through the night by lying down in a room next the ward." How weary and discouraged this young ex-teacher must have been many times in the two years which followed. Perhaps she sometimes talked with her two friends of the care-free days

before they became nurses-in-training! But they were all mature women not lightly turned from what had been undertaken.

In 1884 Miss Snively left the School, a trained nurse. She proceeded at once to the single position she held in her professional life, that of superintendent of nurses in the Toronto General Hospital. No experience, no special course as a preparation. Surely she had admirable courage!

Had she found in this new position, a School with even the advancement of Bellevue Hospital, her task would have been sufficiently difficult. But, although the Hospital in Toronto had students and trained nurses, there was little to dignify it by the name of School. Many of the women were of the "Sairey Gamp" type. Hours were long. Living and working conditions were unattractive and even intolerable. The nurses, if such they might be called, lived within the Hospital, sleeping in whatever odd place they could find space, eating their meals in a dark and dismal basement and without a corner of their own in which to spend their very rare off-duty hours. There appeared to be no plan of any kind for study, for work or for records of nursing care. There were, however, the two basic requirements of a School of Nursing — the patients in need of care and the young women to be taught to give that care. In the years that followed Mary Agnes Snively shaped that material into a School, a School which at the close of her long service stood and still stands as a tribute to her indomitable will, to her skill as an organizer, to her ability as an educator and to her rare and remarkable qualities of personality. It stands, too, as a record of her life's work for she left no written document of her experiences through those strenuous and difficult years. What an invaluable contribution to the history of nursing such a record would have been! No doubt she had neither desire nor need to justify her actions by transferring them to the written page and she had no time to write. Her days were full. Changes did not come in a day nor even in a year. There were discouragements in plenty but her spirit never wavered and her efforts never ceased. With grim determination she held to her purpose to accept nothing but the best and at all costs to keep nursing education and its ideals in line with the rapidly changing times.

As a School began to emerge out of the confusion in which her work was begun, Miss Snively with rare perception and diplomacy began a clever publicity campaign concerning it. Tactfully but firmly she insinuated into the minds of her Board members and the public in general the fact that it was a School. She went out to seek students for it. She spoke from platforms on the work of the nurse, then a new occupation for women. In each address the quality of her intellectual endowment and the spiritual sincerity of her character were so apparent that she made a very real impression and attracted the very finest type of young women. She became a public figure and her School shared the esteem and sound popularity which she enjoyed. Applications from prospective students literally poured in! In the year 1894, forty-four years ago, she had a list of six hundred names from which to choose twenty-two! A tribute, indeed, after only ten years of work! Her striking, dominant personality, her outstanding qualities of leadership, her refusal to acknowledge defeat, her righteous indignation at the sins of mankind, her courage and her strong will, all tempered by the unquestioning faith of her religion made

an arresting and commanding personality. Truly she was a leader.

Had Miss Snively's interest stopped at the doors of her own beloved School she would have made a valuable contribution to nursing education but her name would not have achieved the national significance with which it is now regarded. But her interest extended far beyond the confines of the Toronto General Hospital. The passion of her life was nursing and nurses. She had concern for the graduates of all Schools. With rare insight she envisioned the heights which this young group might reach. Given high standards and ideals of preparation and service, the development of a profession was a possibility if the members would stand together. Her thoughts can be imagined: A common council would develop a common bond and provide a means of expression as to aims and objectives. Organization would bring unity and solidarity. Then organization must be effected. And with characteristic enterprise she proceeded to effect it. Her efforts were crowned with success. The first nurses' association was founded in 1907—"The Canadian Society of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nursing." She was its President. The restricted membership did not satisfy her, nor indeed any of its members, but it was a beginning and much was expected from it. Just one year later an excellent opportunity arose for its expansion.

An International Council of Nurses had been formed in 1899 with Great Britain and Ireland, Germany and the United States as charter members. The Founder, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, with a personality quite as forceful as Miss Snively's own, was determined to make it truly international. A Congress was planned for London in 1909. In 1908 she announced that Denmark, Finland and Holland had qualified for membership and would be formally received at the Congress. Miss Snively was disturbed by this announcement. Her jealous national and professional pride was touched. Why should Canada lag behind? She was a member of the International Council, was its Honorary Treasurer in fact, but she was an individual representative of Canada which did not satisfy her democratic spirit. Representation must be national. But there was no national organization. Undaunted she set about to secure one and happily found a very simple solution to the problem. The name and membership requirements of the young "Canadian Superintendent's Association" could be changed and thus it would be open to all nurses. This was done and in October 1908, at a meeting held in Ottawa, the "Canadian National Association of Trained Nurses" was founded and the Association whose thirtieth anniversary and nineteenth general meeting we are now attending came into being. Several of its members journeyed to London in 1909 where they shared with Miss Snively, its President, the joy and satisfaction of seeing the very young organization received into full membership in the International Council. Today, thirty years later, we marvel at their spirit! Later in the Congress Canada was given the honour of placing a wreath on the tomb of the late beloved sovereign, Queen Victoria. With a large concourse of nurses from many countries the journey was made to Windsor and to Frogmore. Only the Canadians were permitted to enter the mausoleum. How proud they must have felt as in a brief and impressive ceremony Miss Snively placed the wreath as an offering of homage from the Canadian National Association of Trained Nurses. The documents and photographs of that memorable occasion are treasured in our archives.

The days of activity of this unusual woman were now drawing to a close and her thoughts were turning to retirement. She had given twenty-five years of service to her School and had seen it grow from a humble beginning to become one of the most highly esteemed in the whole Dominion. She had organized Canadian nurses into one unit. She had seen that unit admitted with honour to the world councils of nursing. She had joined the International as a charter member and served it as honorary-treasurer and as a vice-president. Surely she had earned repose. In 1910, at sixty-three years of age, she handed the reins of office to her successor. The reins of office she relinquished but not the keen and active interest in nursing which she had always displayed. This could not, in the nature of the woman, ever grow less. It remained firm and strong, an inspiration to all who came in contact with her and who felt to the last her beneficient influence.

Her years of retirement were busy and happy. She had her church and her keen interest in missions, an interest which she had felt from childhood and for which she had made many sacrifices throughout her life. Surrounded by friends and in the Hospital in which her life's work had been done, she passed her last years. It was said of her on her seventy-seventh birthday, "She is not old nor will she ever be. Hers are the gifts of the alert and fertile mind, vivid imagination, forceful personality and the intangible something we call 'charm'. These are the life giving and joy giving elements which the passing of the years can never sully." At almost eighty-six years of age she passed on to a well-earned rest. "A long life well lived: it has its own glory at the end." Her devout religious tendencies she had always acknowledged in her watchword —"I will go before thee and make the rugged places plain." What she had accomplished she attributed to the fact that she was a humble instrument in the hands of the Lord.

In speaking to Canadian nurses in 1908 when the national association was organized she gave utterance to thoughts, than which I can find none better to leave with you—an admonition and an inspiration:

Privilege means responsibility: a better century does not mean that it should minister unto us, but we to it. We can only be worthy of the great inheritance which has been bequeathed to us as we use our larger opportunities to make our country and the world better and brighter and purer for each succeeding year.

In the Florence Nightingale Oration, given at the Congress of the International Council of Nurses in London in 1937, Sir George Newman used words which might well be used to describe our Founder: *A woman of sound, practical common sense, compassionate, diligent, loyal, self-renouncing because self-dedicated, with a genius for administrative organization, possessing a high sense of public duty and statesmanship and with a soul anchored in the inexhaustible and enduring verities of her religious faith and her spiritual experience — still the greatest power on earth to move the minds and hearts of men and women.*

Notes From the National Office

Contributed by JEAN S. WILSON,
Executive Secretary, The Canadian Nurses Association

GENERAL MEETING, 1938

The nineteenth General Meeting of the Canadian Nurses Association closed on July 9. These *Notes* were prepared shortly after adjournment so that is is only possible to announce the election of officers and to publish the biennial report of the Executive Secretary in this issue of the *Journal*.

Officers elected were:

President: Miss Grace M. Fairley, Vancouver, B.C.,
First Vice-President, Miss Elizabeth L. Smellie, Ottawa, Ont.,
Second Vice-President, Miss Marion Lindeburgh, Montreal, Que.,
Honourary Secretary, Miss Kathleen I. Sanderson, Vancouver, B.C.,
Honourary Treasurer, Miss Alena J. MacMaster, Moncton, N.B.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, 1936-1938

Madame President and Members:

It is my privilege to present at this, the nineteenth General Meeting of the Canadian Nurses Association, my eighth biennial report as Executive Secretary.

At the close of the General Meeting in 1936, the programme for the ensuing two years included several major projects:

1. The printing of *A Proposed Curriculum for Schools of Nursing in Canada*, with distribution for study and application in all approved schools of nursing.

One thousand copies of the *Curriculum* were distributed, less than one hundred copies going to other countries. Following a French translation, one hundred copies were printed and sold, chiefly to French Schools of Nursing in the Province of Quebec.

2. The clarification of the proposed plan for Dominion Registration for Nurses in Canada as had been submitted to the General Meeting, followed by intensive study of the revised plan by the Provincial Associations.

Two lengthy folios of material, drafted by the Convener of the Committee on Dominion Registration for Nurses, were prepared and distributed to the Provincial Associations in addition to information supplied upon request to several provinces.

3. Conference with the Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada on the establishment of community nursing service bureaux, and, following acceptance of the report arising

from such conference, the launching of one or more experimental bureaux.

Arising from conferences between representatives of the Canadian Nurses Association and the Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada, plans for experimental community nursing service bureaux were approved and a Joint Advisory Committee was appointed to develop plans for the proposed experiments. Members of the Executive Committee and the Provincial Associations received an outline of the approved plan, and to acquaint the membership at large, a lengthy explanatory article was prepared for publication in the *Journal* under Notes from the National Office.

4. Participation in the Quadrennial Congress of the International Council of Nurses, 1937.

The Canadian Nurses Association was well represented at the Congress which was held in London, in July 1937. For the third consecutive Congress, the quota of official delegates to which Canada is entitled was present. The excellent enrolment of members with the Congress Tours provided the required funds to send the official delegation to London. These Tours were organised in cooperation with the Thos. Cook and Son Travel Agency. At the request of the Congress Arrangements Committee, identification cards were issued to, and registration fees collected from, all members of the Association prior to sailing from Canada. The Congress in 1937 was the fourth held during the tenure of office of your Executive Secretary. Preparations for each Congress have placed increasing demands upon your National Office.

5. The continuance of financial support to the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, including the award of an annual scholarship.

All donations collected by the Provincial Associations for the Florence Nightingale Memorial Fund are received at National Office. The secretarial duties connected with the application forms for the scholarship are given attention by the Executive Secretary. In 1937, sixty requests for application forms were filled, of these twenty-six were completed and returned, then forwarded to the Scholarship Award Committee. In 1938, thirteen sets of application forms were sent out, of which eight were completed and returned for consideration by the Award Committee. For May 1, in 1937 and 1938, announcements of the scholarship award and information concerning the Florence Nightingale International Foundation were released to the Canadian Press. By courtesy of the Association, secretarial duties and stationery have been supplied to the Canadian Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee.

Later, detailed reports will be presented on the development of these projects and on other activities which have received the attention of Special Committees. It is a policy of the National Organisation to have each Provincial Association represented on all committees, the function of which may involve provincial policies.

Sections

There are three Sections in the Association, (1) Public Health Nursing, organised in 1920; (2) Private Duty Nursing, in 1921; and (3) Nursing Education, in 1924, by amalgamation of the Canadian Association of Nursing Education with the Canadian Nurses Association. The Sections formulate policies and programmes for their respective activities and interests, all of which receive the approval of the Executive Committee of the Association. The budget of the Association provides an annual grant to each National Section.

Each Provincial Association has three sections corresponding to the National Sections. Summarized reports of the Provincial Sections will be presented later by the Chairmen of the National Sections.

Provincial Associations

At a later session, the biennial reports of the Provincial Associations will be submitted. Among provincial activities in the biennial period under review are:

the modernizing of nurses' registries; the promotion of institutes and summer schools; the improvement of academic standards of admission to schools of nursing; the establishment of reciprocal registration with other countries.

The promotion of group organisation within provincial units is providing a means by which individual nurses may become aware of organisation activities, and, by the same method, learn that their's is the privilege of participating in the formulation of policies for the provincial, national and international organisations.

Membership

As the importance of deliberation throughout this week are noted, it will be recognized that decision in 1930 to adopt one standard of membership in the Provincial and National Organisations was timely. Without the subsequent strengthening of membership in the nine Provincial Associations of Registered Nurses, it would have been impossible for the National Organisation to develop adequately the programme desired by these federated units following the release of the Report of the Survey of Nursing Education in Canada. In 1930, the provincial membership was 8,038. At January 1, 1938, the membership totalled 14,254, or over 77% increase within eight years.

Executive Committee

For thirty years the Association has been instrumental in effecting a dignified, progressive growth of the nursing profession in Canada. The onus of organisation administration rests with each succeeding Executive Committee. The amount of detail dealt with by the Executive is enormous. Unfortunately, due to barriers of distance, attendance at meetings usually is limited to quorum requirements, thus the major contact between members is through correspondence and the distribution of official material arising from each meeting. The Executive Committee which served during the first half of this period laid a remarkably solid foundation on which the consummation of outstanding achievements within the past fifteen years became possible. Major achievements may be listed as:

(1) the study of nursing education in Canada and published report thereof; (2) the compilation, printing and distribution of *A Proposed Curriculum for Schools of Nursing in Canada;* (3) the responsibility for all arrangements connected with the Congress of the International Council of Nurses, 1929; (4) the erection of the Nurses National Memorial in the Federal Capital; (5) the appointment of an editor and business manager for *The Canadian Nurse;* (6) the establishment of a National Office, directed by an executive secretary.

This brief reference to past accomplishments is made as a tribute of appreciation to those who, as members of succeeding Executive Committees, have borne the responsibility of organisation year by year.

National Office

As the proceedings of this meeting are presented the functions for which the National Office exists will be accentuated. The variety and extension of Association activities require a vast amount of secretarial and clerical direction and work which can only be made effective through the application of business-like methods by a qualified, experienced staff in a properly equipped office.

Correspondence

Correspondence: to cope with the varied and voluminous correspondence it is essential that reference records be continuously revised so that, if possible, the latest information may be available.

Some requests for information have come from:

The International Council of Nurses.
National Organisations of Nurses in other countries.
The Federal Department of Pensions and National Health.
The Federal Department of Labour.
The Institutional Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
The Canadian Medical Association.
The Canadan Hospital Council.
The Canadian National Committee on Mental Hygiene.
The Canadian Association of Social Workers.
The Canadian Welfare Council.
The Offices of various Consulates.
High School Authorities.
Innumerable individual nurses in Canada and elsewhere.

Subjects on which information has been supplied include:

Schools of Nursing for prospective candidates.
Post-graduate Courses.
Opportunities for nurses in Canada and in other countries.
Status of Canadian registered nurses in other countries.
Legal entry of foreign nurses into Canada and opportunities for employment thereafter.
General information on nursing in Canada.
Enrolment for Army Nursing Service.
Statistical information re hospitals, schools of nursing and nurses in Canada.
Information to assist in the preparation of a revised edition of a history of nursing and of essays on this subject.

Canada Room: In London, in the Florence Nightingale International Residence, there are rooms which bear the names of the countries by which these bed-sitting rooms were furnished. When it was brought to the attention of the Association that Canada Room needed refurnishing, the Executive Committee requested the President to attend to the necessary purchases when in London in July, 1937. Refurnishings cost approximately one hundred dollars. The Association's scholarship student (1937) has expressed her appreciation of the attractive comfortable quarters she has had in Canada Room.

Health Statistics: To assist the Committee on Health Statistics of the International Council of Nurses, questionnaires were prepared from a copy received for distribution to fifty schools of nursing in Canala. Although schools which did not complete and return the questionnaire to National Office within the specified time were notified more than once of their unresponsiveness, eventually, returns from forty-three schools were forwarded to International Headquarters.

The quadrennial report of the Committee on Health Statistics (1933-1937) is included in the publication of Congress Papers 1937, and should prove a valuable reference to those directly concerned with the health of members of nursing staffs.

International Hospital Association: For the past two years the Association has maintained an associate membership in the International Hospital Association. The next biennial meeting of this Association is to be held in Toronto in 1939.

Pan-Pacific Women's Conference: Upon invitation the Association was officially represented at the triennial conference of the Pan-Pacific Women's Association held in Vancouver in July 1937.

Federal Commissions: Representatives of the Association held conferences with the women advisory members of the National Employment Commission during the months the Commission was securing information in preparation of its report to the Federal Government.

In April, 1938, the Association was granted permission to submit to the Royal Commission on Dominion-Provincial Relations a short brief on health insurance from the standpoint of nursing. The brief was prepared by the Committee on Health Insurance and Nursing Service of the Canadian Nurses Association and was presented to the Royal Commission on May 9, 1938.

Affiliations: Several national bodies have invited the Association to establish an affiliation with them. In view of the decision made at the General Meeting in 1934, i.e., that the future policy of the Canadian Nurses Association be one of non-affiliation with other national organisations, it was necessary for the Executive Committee to refuse these invitations.

Publicity: Current activity of the Association has been described monthly in the *Journal*, under *Notes from the National Office*. As occasion required, announcements were released to the Canadian Press.

On behalf of my assistant, Miss Lillian Pettigrew, Reg. N., and myself, I wish to express sincere thanks for the support accorded us by the members of the Executive Committee and the Provincial Associations, especially by the President and Provincial Secretaries. We are aware that whatever is accomplished through the National Office is entirely due to the cooperative support and good will of all members of the Canadian Nurses Association, for all of which we are deeply appreciative.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean S. Wilson, Reg. N.,
Executive Secretary

TWENTY FOR SOUTH AFRICA!

The following communication has been addressed to Miss Jean E. Browne, convenor of the Committee on Exchange of Nurses appointed by the Canadian Association, by Mrs. H. C. Horwood:

"The 'twentieth nurse' will complete our vacancies and I trust you will accept our most grateful thanks for the generous assistance you have given us. This must have entailed a very great deal of work on the part of your Committee but, if I may say so, it is not only a contribution toward nursing service and nursing education but also a high contribution towards strengthening the bonds of the Empire."

The "twentieth nurse" referred to above is Miss Isabel Secord, a graduate of the school of Nursing of the University of Alberta Hospital, Edmonton, Alta.

A WORD OF THANKS

The following message from Miss Maisie K. Miller has been received by the Executive Secretary of the Canadian Nurses Association. In 1937, Miss Miller was given the scholarship awarded by the Canadian Nurses Association and for the past year has attended the courses given under the auspices of the Florence Nightingale Memorial Foundation.

I wish once more to express my very sincere thanks to the Canadian Nurses Association for the opportunity of spending a wonderful year in London, and of being a member of the group of students at the Florence Nightingale International Foundation. It has been a most interesting year, meeting the students from so many different lands and hearing about their nursing conditions. During the Easter vacation, I visited six of these countries and visited the hospitals in which some of them had

trained, as well as many others. We received a most cordial welcome from all the nursing organizations in the countries we visited.

On May 8, the students at 15, Manchester Square were invited to the Commemoration Service for Florence Nightingale in the Chapel at Saint Thomas's Hospital. The Archbishop of Canterbury preached and the whole service was very inspiring.

The studies have been difficult at times, but well worthwhile, as they surely give one a broader outlook on nursing and on life in general. I have enjoyed every minute of my stay in London and I shall always have a great affection for all the Canadian nurses, who through their efforts have made it possible for me to have so many happy memories to look back on in the years to come.

R.N.A.N.S. ANNUAL MEETING

The twenty-ninth annual meeting of the Registered Nurses Association of Nova Scotia was held in New Glasgow on June 2 with an attendance of seventy. The president, Miss Marion Haliburton, occupied the chair and a hearty welcome was extended by the Mayor of New Glasgow. The following description of the event is based upon extracts from the official Minutes prepared by the recording secretary, Miss Lenta Hall.

The report of the Registrar, Miss M. Graham, showed that membership is 1003, of whom 747 are in good standing. During the past year, at the request of the Commission of Governments of Newfoundland, their Act and Regulations re. Registration were studied carefully, a comparative synopsis prepared by the Registrar and presented to the Provincial Executive, who thereupon notified the Newfoundland authorities that reciprocal registration would be extended to nurses registered under their Act. Due to the increased stringency of our Act regarding the age and preliminary education of nurses applying for registration, the Executive has ruled that in future all nurses applying for registration by examination shall be required to present a birth certificate and a certificate of education, along with the credentials now demanded.

The report of the corresponding secretary, Miss M. Graham, showed that following instructions, letters were written to the Registrars of British Columbia, Ontario and Quebec, requesting information as to their policy of allowing student nurses with University Degrees time off their course of training. Fifteen superintendents of Schools of Nursing in Nova Scotia were questioned and it was found that two approved of taking six months from the course for University graduates, three would consider it in individual cases if certain classes had been taken, and ten would not shorten the course, although several would consider releasing such students from certain classes or giving them added responsibility.

Excellent reports, which showed considerable activity, were presented from the Branches as follows: Cape Breton and Victoria Branch, by Miss G. Gerrior; Halifax Branch, by Miss Irene Smith; Antigonish-Guysboro-Inverness-Richmond Branch, by Sister M. Annunciata; Pictou County Branch, by Miss Blanche Reid; Colchester Branch, by Miss Ruth Milligan; Cumberland County Branch, by Miss M. Stonehouse; Valley Branch, by Mrs. Hope Mack; Lunenburg Branch, by Miss Elsie Yetman.

The report of the standing committee on public health was given by its convener, Miss Anne Slattery. It showed that under the Depatment of Health, there are 14 public health nurses with two nurses being prepared for work, giving a total of 16 with 9 having had post graduate courses in public health nursing. Under the V. O. N. there are 33 of whom 20 have had post-graduate preparation, i.e., full courses, while the remainder have had some planned instruction for work. Miss Slattery also gave en-

couraging information dealing with the reduction of infant mortality and the control of tuberculosis.

Miss Anna Brennan, convener of the private duty committee, reported that there has been a decrease in unemployment. The question of the reduction of hours of duty was considered and recommendations were drawn up.

The report of the Committee on Education was presented by the convener, Miss K. Jamer. It was pointed out that of the fifteen Schools of Nursing in Nova Scotia, five now have the eight-hour day.

Individual schools report: (a) A shortening of the night nurses' term from six weeks to one month. (b) the addition of two instructors with University degrees to the regular staff. (c) An increase in both students and graduate personnel. The preliminary periods have been increased to six months in two schools. In most schools the preliminary students have two or three months of intensive classroom work with only short periods on wards during part of this time, then a gradually increasing number of ward hours from the fourth to the sixth month. One school returns the students to the classroom for two weeks of intensive study at the end of the first year. Three schools affiliate for two months community experience with the V. O. N.

Practically all schools report progress in the use of the Proposed Curriculum, and in efforts to raise standards. Increasing numbers of nurses are going to other schools for post-graduate courses in various branches of nursing, and a smaller number for post-graduate University courses, especially in public health and teaching. Nurses are encouraged to take such courses because of the demand for qualified people to fill positions in these fields. The two Provincial Loan Funds of $300.00 each, and the $250.00 Loan Fund of the Halifax Branch have been in continuous use since they were made available.

Five meetings have been held in Halifax for the purpose of studying the Proposed Curriculum for Schools of Nursing. The last of these took the form of a most interesting demonstration lesson in bacteriology, taught by Sister Camillus of Lellis, at the Halifax Infirmary, to her class of preliminary students. Sister Camillus showed how the curriculum recommendations could be carried out even with limited equipment.

The report of the Library Committee was given by its convener, Miss J. Hubley. A list of suitable books has been made and selections have been purchased. The convener of the Publication Committee, Miss K. Jamer, reported that news items had been sent monthly to *The Canadian Nurse*. Miss J. Watkins, convener of the Joint Enrolment Committee for Emergency Service, showed that an enrolment of 147 has been obtained. This constitutes 96 percent of the required quota. A fine response to the appeal for the Nightingale Memorial Fund was reported. Sister M. Annunciata gave an excellent report of the activities of the committee appointed to study the *Proposed Curriculum for Schools of Nursing in Canada*. This showed a careful analysis of its recommendations and their possible application.

One of the high lights of the meeting was the excellent address on health insurance delivered by Dr. H. G. Grant, Dean of Medicine, Dalhousie University. He described and compared the systems in use in Great Britain and Germany and reviewed the situation in United States and Canada. Dr. Clarence Miller spoke on nursing education, dealing with the physical, mental and spiritual aspects of the problem. He approved the eight-hour day for nurses and said that if they did not obtain it for themselves it would be thrust upon them by outside influences. Entertainment included a very successful banquet, a drive to Green Hill Lookoff, and a tea given by Mrs. McKenzie, at Alma. Musical selections were given by the Nurses' Glee Club of the Aberdeen Hospital.

The next annual meeting will be held in Antigonish, in response to an invitation extended by the A. G. I. R. Branch. It was moved by Sister Mary Peter, seconded by Sister Annunciata, that Miss Rachael Chisholm or Miss Marie Leblanc be convener of the arrangements committee for the coming year.

The officers and conveners for 1938-39 are as follows: President, Mrs. Hope Mack, Kentville; first vice-president, Miss Edith Fenton, Halifax; second vice-president, Miss Annie Martin, Sydney; third vice-president, Miss Josie Cameron, Halifax; recording secretary, Mrs. D. J. Gillis, Windsor Junction; treasurer and corresponding secretary, Miss Muriel Graham, Halifax. Conveners: Public Health, Miss Anne Slattery, Windsor; Private Duty, Miss Irene Smith, Halifax; Nursing Education, Miss Katherine Jamer, Halifax; programme and publication, Miss Helen Thompson, Halifax; legislative, Miss Lenta Hall, Halifax; advisory to Registrar, Miss Gladys Strum, Halifax; library, Miss Jane Hubley, Halifax; Red Cross Emergency, Miss Evelyn Purdy, Berwick; nominating, Mrs. C. W. Bennett, Halifax. All these appointees are to take office on September 1, 1938.

OLD BILL

EMILY REED

Supervisor, Montreal Branch, Victorian Order of Nurses

The S. family were making the usual wild scramble to get out.—Mr. S. to work and the children to school. They were all about to leave the house when someone pushed a chair right into the path of mother and down she went. At once the attitude of 'every man for himself' was changed to concern. Getting the children out, Mr. S. helped his wife to a couch. By this time he could see that she was suffering. What was he to do? More or less anxious he left the house, and mostly from force of habit, called at a telephone to ask the Victorian Order of Nurses to send a nurse 'sometime today.'

In the meantime, Mrs. S. had become helpless and the pain was agonizing. To make matters worse she could not reach her eight-months old baby at the other side of the room. Winning and rubbing his nose into her hand the family dog, Old Bill, tried to offer his sympathy. Pointing to the street, Mrs. S. ordered him to go and get help. The usual means of departure were cut off as the family had closed all doors. But in a flash Old Bill had decided upon the open window. In a bound he was off.

As he reached the sidewalk, Miss Wood, the nurse, was entering the street and dashing up to her he barked frantically. Now the nurse was an old acquaintance and she knew something of his intelligence, but she did wonder as to Old Bill's technique at a time like this, so she pretended to ignore him. Raising his head he howled his misery but this having no effect, dashed to the the nurse approached the door, barked house and back again several times and as joyously.

Mrs. S. was groaning in severe pain when

they entered and Bill jumped around excitedly as much as to say "Well—here she is at last". After a few brief questions the nurse was on a neighbour's telephone asking the doctor to come at once. Mrs. S. was admitted to hospital where it was found she had fractured two vertebrae.

Meantime the nurse was making family adjustments. The baby was deposited at a neighbour's home. Old Bill was left in charge of the house while the nurse, before continuing her morning's work, telephoned the husband to come home. Later she was told of the friend's visit to the home and her surprise to find the family absent—but Old Bill, running to and from the couch, told her plainly that something unusual had happened so she called the paternal grandmother who came immediately. Before Mr. S. returned his household was under new management until his wife was well enough to return from the hospital in a plaster cast.

This happened only a short time ago but since then Old Bill has regained his youth in the Happy Hunting Ground of his faithful kind.

A LIFE OF SERVICE

It is not often that "the Maritimes" accept, almost as their own, anyone who has not a claim upon this distinction by right of birth. Victoria Winslow was born in Ontario and received her professional education in the School of Nursing of the Winnipeg General Hospital. Her first administrative work was done in the capacity of superintendent, in the General Hospital, Medicine Hat, Alberta. So it was natural that she should be a Westerner at heart. And yet after she had accepted a position as superintendent of the Fraser Memorial Hospital in Fredericton, N.B., she discovered rather to her surprise that "the Maritimes" were her spiritual home and that she was welcome there. In 1930, she took charge of the Children's Hospital in Halifax. Here the most outstanding work of her entire career was accomplished and here in the late evening of Sunday, July 10, she died.

Of her the *Halifax Herald*, speaking for the community which she served, has this to say:

She will be recalled by doctors, nurses and the public as a wise and capable hospital superintendent and a woman endowed with personal charm. To countless children who have passed through the hospital she will be remembered as "that kind lady who came to see us so often." Recognition of her work was accorded at the last annual meeting of the Board of Trustees when a presentation was made accompanied by an address that paid tribute to that which she had accomplished. Among those who have received training in nursing at the hospital, she showed marked ability in imparting knowledge, and in creating a strong feeling of loyalty.

Loyalty, yes, this was the touchstone by which she governed her life.

Endowed with a keen sense of beauty, she was a member of the flower committee which played such a delightful part in welcoming the visitors to Halifax during the Biennial Meeting. The little flower girls who greeted us at the opening session with fragrant bouquets were "her idea". One who had the privilege of seeing her a few days before the end came, asked whether along with the flowers she had a message for her many friends. "Yes", she said, "give them *all* my dear love, but especially those who come from the West". Her native Province of Ontario, the West, and the Maritimes, unite in honouring the memory of a gallant fighter, an able administrator and a good woman. She rests from her labours and her works do follow her.

A PIONEER NURSE

A. J. Hunter, M. D.
Medical Superintendent, Teulon Hospital

Miss Elizabeth J. Bell, one of our pioneer nurses and mission workers, has passed away. Miss Bell died on June 3 in the Teulon Hospital where she began her mission work thirty-four years ago. She was a graduate of the School of Nursing of the Kingston General Hospital and was sent by the Women's Home Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in 1904 to take charge of the newly built hospital.

These were days of the simple and primitive life. The country was swampy and a new ditch in front of the mission building was heroically beginning the task of making dry land out of a forest that was very wet underfoot. A few roads had been made but they wound a tortuous way around stumps and stones and across sloughs where the water was sometimes pretty deep. New settlers of many races were pouring in. People were hastily throwing up cabins of logs with mud floors, thatched with marsh grass, and the chinks in the logs filled with clay and moss. Miss Bell was often my companion in visiting homes where there were no conveniences, sometimes one-room cabins shared by the family and some of the domestic animals.

For seventeen years Miss Bell served at Teulon, and then after a period of furlough, became superintendent of the mission hospital at Ethelbert, a central point in a great Ukrainian settlement. Miss Bell was especially attracted by our child patients, some of them very bright and promising but not suited to the harsh conditions of pioneer life and with little chance of educational advantages. At her suggestion we began keeping some of these little folks and sending them to the village school. The results were encouraging and led us to agitate for the establishment of School Homes, where children from remote places might come and attend the public and high schools.

Miss Bell was sincere, devoted and a capable superintendent. When one thinks of her thirty years of service and estimates the many sick ones to whom she has given help and comfort, one marvels at the work one frail body can accomplish.

OVERSEAS NURSING SISTERS ASSOCIATION

Edmonton: The Edmonton unit of the O.N.S.A. gave a dinner party in honour of the president, Miss F. Munroe, R.R.C., who has accepted the position of superintendent of nurses of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, and Mrs. D. W. Rosser, who is returning with her family to reside in England. Mrs. Allan C. Rankin presided. Twenty-four members were present, including two out-of-town guests, Miss Martha Morkin of New York and Miss Amy Conroy of the Department of Public Health.

OBITUARY

WHELER.—The death occurred recently of Miss Olive M. Wheler, a graduate of the School of Nursing of the Weyburn Municipal Hospital, Weyburn, Saskatchewan, and a member of the staff of the Trail-Tadanac Hospital, Trail B.C.

INFORMATION, PLEASE!

Just about the busiest place in the Nova Scotian Hotel during the Biennial Meeting of the C. N. A. was the information desk. Under the capable convenership of Mrs. D. J. Gillis, a group of smiling patient nurses gave enlightening and reassuring answers to questions which might have baffled the divining powers of the Sphinx. Here are a few gems culled at random from a priceless collection:

What time does the tide come in?

Can we see the Moncton "Bore" from the Hotel?

Can you find my ticket? I've lost it.

Have you seen my glasses anywhere?

Is Miss Effie Taylor a trained nurse? (This from a layman of course.)

Where do you get shoes shined and clothes pressed?

Is this the meeting of the Masonic Grand Lodge?

In spite of everything the information desk managed to remain sufficiently cool and collected (it must be the sea air) to deal with a bibulous individual who declared he was seeking a wife. Possibly the best staff work was done in connection with reuniting a pair of sweethearts who had somehow missed connections but who finally drove away blissfully happy.

Incidentally the committee did a magnificent job in responding to the legitimate demands which it had been created to meet.

SISTER ALLARD HONOURED

The University of Montreal has recently conferred upon the Rev. Sister Allard, Infirmière-en-chef, Hôtel-Dieu, Montreal, a special honorary degree of Doctor of Hospital Science. This well-merited honour not only gives great pleasure to the Religious Order to which the recipient belongs but also to many other Canadian nurses who have had the privilege of working with Sister Allard on various committees. Her clear thinking and gentle patience have made her a most acceptable colleague, especially in connection with the Committee on Curriculum.

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VICTORIAN ORDER OF NURSES

Admissions:

Miss Opal Shaw has been appointed to the Liverpool branch. Miss Helen B. Ferguson and Miss Edith Hill have been appointed to the Border Cities staff. Miss Ethel Croft has been appointed to the Kitchener staff. Miss Eva Sherritt has been appointed to the Timmins branch. Miss Norma Cameron has been appointed to the Winnipeg staff.

Transfers:

Miss Lettie Turner has been transferred from Glace Bay to the Dartmouth staff. Miss Molly Stevens has been transferred from the Montreal staff to take charge of the newly opened branch at Amherst, Nova Scotia.

Resignations:

Miss Margaret Inness has resigned as nurse-in-charge of the Pictou Branch. Miss Janet L. Cunningham has resigned from the Dartmouth staff.

AMENITIES

Biennial Meetings are unquestionably stimulating to the mind but they are also a bit tiring to the body. All through the Halifax convention, the Lippincott Lounge dispensed a delightful but unobtrusive hospitality. The moment you entered its doors you "unlaxed"—if we may be permitted to borrow the priceless idiom of "Amos and Andy". Freshly made tea was served at all hours, and you could lie down in privacy and rest your aching feet or even smoke a furtive cigarette in congenial company. The gracious hostess was Mrs. Theodore Phillips, wife of the director of the medical division of the J. B. Lippincott Publishing Company, Philadelphia.

THE KING'S NURSE

The following excerpt from *The British Journal of Nursing* will be of interest to our readers:

The King received Miss Catherine Black at Buckingham Palace on May 31, and invested her with the insignia of a Member of the Royal Victoria Order (Fourth Class). Sister Black was one of the four nurses who attended King George V during his severe illness in 1928, and was afterwards attached to the Royal Household as nurse. During the life-time of his late Majesty, Sister Black was known throughout the profession as "The King's Nurse" and was thus greeted with admiration during a recent visit to the Dominions.

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NEWS NOTES

BRITISH COLUMBIA

VANCOUVER:

Miss Donna Leitch, B.A.Sc., has been appointed to the staff of the Metropolitan Health Service in Vancouver. Miss Alice E. M. Martin, B.A.Sc., and Miss Amy Forneri have been appointed to the Public Health Nursing staff in Burnaby under the Metropolitan Health Committee.

Married: On June 25, 1938, Miss Kathleen Taylor (V.G.H. and U.B.C., 1938) to Mr. Meredith Saunders.

Married: On July 2, 1938, Miss Kathryn Maisie Clugston (V.G.H. and U.B.C.,) to Dr. Kenneth Pryde Groves.

Married: On June 30, 1938, Miss Anne Catherine MacKenzie (V.G.H.) to Mr. Gerald McKinney Osman.

MANITOBA

WINNIPEG:

During the week of June 5 the Winnipeg General Hospital School of Nursing celebrated its Golden Jubilee. The programme opened with the Baccalaureate Service for the graduating class of 1938. By June 6, over eight hundred graduates had registered, many of whom enjoyed a drive to Lower Fort Garry, this was followed by afternoon tea at the home of Mrs. Stuart Langille (class of 1906). In the evening, the Board of Governors of the Hospital held a reception in the Nurses' Residence for the graduates of the School.

June 7 was set apart for class gatherings, these took the form of breakfasts, luncheons and teas. In the evening, the Alumnae Association entertained the graduating class of 1938 at dinner. Over five hundred nurses and guests attended. A most entertaining programme followed the dinner and greetings from those unable to attend were read. Miss Ethel Johns, (class of 1902), was guest speaker and particular reference to the message sent by Miss Isabel M. Stewart (class of 1902), Profesor, Department of Health, Teachers' College, Columbia University.

On June 8, the visitors toured the Hospital and after having tea in the Board Room, attended the Alumnae meeting in the Nurses' Residence. Miss E. Gilroy (class of 1898), the first president of the Alumnae Association, read the minutes of the first meeting. Miss Pollexfen reported on the interesting collection of archives now on file in the Library in the Nurse's Residence. In the evening many of the members of the association and their friends attended the pageant, "History of Nursing", presented at the Dominion Theatre under the auspices of the Alumnae Association.

The graduation exercises were held on June 9. Miss Ruby Simpson, O.B.E., (class of 1919) addressed the graduating class. The members of the Association were deeply honoured to have had Miss M. E. Birtles, O.B.E., a member of the first graduating class, with them for the festivities.

NEW BRUNSWICK

ST. STEPHEN:

The annual meeting of the Alumnae Association of the School of Nursing of the Chipman Memorial Hospital was held recently and a summary of the reports showed a very active year. The election of officers resulted as follows: president, Miss J. Sinclair; first vice-president, Miss C. M. Boyd; second vice-president, Miss B. Moffatt; secretary, Miss A. Leland; treasurer, Mrs. H. Dinsmore; social convener, Mrs. R. Lawrence; visiting convener, Miss L. Mersereau.

The graduating exercises of the School of Nursing were held recently when nine nurses received their diplomas and hospital pins. The address to the graduating class was delivered by Dr. W. H. Bunker and the valedictory was read by Miss Delta McMullin, class leader. A reception and dance followed the exercises. A theatre party and dinner was also given in honour of the Class by the Alumnae Association.

Married: On June 1, 1938, Miss Evelyn G. Titus, (C. M. H., 1937) to Mr. Donald Kierstead.

WOODSTOCK:

The Alumnae Association of the Fisher Memorial Hospital entertained the 1937-38 graduating classes at the annual dinner. Mrs. W. B. Manzer presided and proposed

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the toast to the King. Mrs. Percy Colwell addressed the graduates. The toast to the graduates was proposed by Mrs. J. K. Hayden and responded to by Miss G. McLennan.

District 1

St. Thomas:

A meeting of District 1, Registered Nurses Association of Ontario, was held recently in St. Thomas. Miss Doris Shaw, chairman of the District, presided at the meetings. The Rev. Mr. S. Edworthy of the First United Church gave the opening prayer and Father S. E. White of the Holy Angel's Church read the invocation. The address of welcome was given by His Worship, Mayor Duckworth.

The convener of the membership committee reported that the membership to the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario was 790. Miss Doris Shaw gave a splendid report of the Provincial Meeting held in Kingston. Dr. J. G. M. Porter outlined the construction of the New Ontario Hospital in St. Thomas, which, when completed, will consist of forty buildings, accommodate thirty-eight hundred patients and require a staff of eight hundred. Buildings, to accommodate eighteen hundred patients, will be completed this year. Dr. Archibald McCausland of London gave an interesting talk on the modern advances, preventions and cures of mental health. He spoke briefly of the new Metrosal treatments which are being used in the Ontario Hospital in London.

After the afternoon session a drive was arranged to the new Ontario Hospital and the nurses were shown through the buildings. The executive of the District were guests of Miss Wilson, superintendent of nurses, Memorial Hospital, at a delightful luncheon. High tea was served to the visiting nurses by the Alumnae Association of the Memorial Hospital.

London:

The annual picnic of the Alumnae Association of St. Joseph's Hospital was held recently at Springbank Park. Miss Myra Ann White was the general convener. Miss Claire Godin, president of the Alumnae Association, presided at the supper. Plans were discussed for the bazaar which will be held in the autumn.

London:

The Alumnae Association of the Victoria Hospital met recently at Springbank

Park to hold a picnic. Over one hundred members attended. Miss Marguerite Smith was convener of the picnic and Miss Isabelle Pegg was in charge of the sports.

Miss Evelyn Bowman (V.H.L.) has been appointed to the staff of the Victorian Order of Nurses in Montreal.

Married: Recently, Miss Greta Tiffin (V.H.L.) to Mr. Milton Prowd.

Married: Recently, Miss Margaret Wallace (V.H.L.) to Dr. Joseph Mackay.

District 4

St. Catharines:

The regular quarterly meeting of District 4, Registered Nurses Association of Ontario, was held on June 11 at the General Hospital, St. Catharines. Dr. F. B. Bowman, of Hamilton gave a most instructive address on "The importance of knowledge of the ano-rectal region in nursing". Miss I. McIntosh gave a comprehensive résumé of the annual meeting of the R. N. A. O. at Kingston. At the conclusion of the meeting, Miss A. Wright and her staff served a most enjoyable tea. The next meeting will be held in September at Niagara Falls.

Hamilton:

The Alumnae Association of St. Joseph's Hospital recently entertained at a dinner in honour of the graduating class. Miss E. Quinn, president of the Association, received the graduates assisted by Miss A. Smith, Miss M. Kelly, Miss F. Nicholson, Miss A. Melody, Miss E. Hart and Miss M. Fleming.

A tea was recently given in honour of Dr. Dorothy Timpany, who sailed for England in July. On behalf of the Alumnae Association, Miss E. Quinn presented Dr. Timpany with a gift.

Married: Recently, Miss Dorothy Long (St. Joseph's Hospital) to Mr. Jack Clushman.

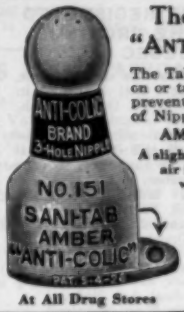
District 9

Timmins:

The graduation exercises of St. Mary's Hospital took place recently when twelve graduates received their diplomas. Prior to graduation, a dance was given in honour of the members of the graduation class.

Married: On June 20, 1938, Miss Mary E. Burke (St. Mary's Hospital) to Dr. J. A. Martin.

Married: On June 27, 1938, Miss L. Thrasher (St. Mary's Hospital, 1938) to Mr. W. J. Leddy.



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Results of examinations will be published on or about December 5th, 1938.

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Married: Recently, Miss M. Banning (St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto) to Mr. M. Thompson.

QUEBEC

MONTREAL:

At the close of the April meeting of the Alumnae Association of the Woman's General Hospital, a shower was given in honour of Miss G. Evelley. The Alumnae Association recently entertained in honour of the members of the graduation class.

Miss C. Morrow (W.G.H., 1931) is engaged in private duty at Timmins, Ontario. Miss E. Perrin (W.G.H., 1934) has been appointed to the staff of the Woman's General Hospital. Miss H. Logan and Miss R. Burgher have accepted positions on the staff of the Children's Memorial Hospital, Montreal. Miss Hymer, Miss Young, Miss Yellin and Chananie have been appointed to the staff of The Jewish General Hospital.

Married: On May 21, Mrs. R. McCutcheon (Rose Benson, W.G.H., 1925) to Mr. G. Meilleur.

Married: On May 21, Miss Georgina Evelley (W.G.H., 1934) to Mr. Edward Paterson.

MONTREAL:

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Married: Recently, Miss Irene Kee (St. M. H., 1937) to Dr. W. D. McCusker.

QUEBEC:

Miss Louise Shepherd, formerly of the staff of the Children's Memorial Hospital, Montreal, has accepted the position of clinical supervisor at Jeffrey Hale's Hospital. Miss Mackenzie, Miss Shepherd and Miss Mackay attended the General Meeting of the Canadian Nurses' Association in Halifax, N.S.

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